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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 13 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Tajikistan (S/1996/1010 and S/1996/1039)*

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Morning*	formal meeting on Tajikistan	Security Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole scheduled to be held at 11.30 a.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	83rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/589) [82].

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/590) [83].

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/591) [84].

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/592) [85].

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/593 and Corr.1) [86].

6. Questions relating to information [87]:

   (a) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/594);

   (b) Amendment (A/51/L.61).

7. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/595) [88].

8. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination; implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/596) [89 and 19].

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/597) [90 and 12].

10. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/598) [91].

11. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/599) [92].

12. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/600) [93].

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/51/588) [19].

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]:

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (A/51/23 (Parts I-VIII), A/AC.109/2041 and Corr.1, 2042, 2043, 2044 and Add.1, 2045, 2046, 2047 and Add.1, 2048, 2049 and Corr.1 and 2, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054 and Add.1, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/428);

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.51, A/51/23, Part II, Chapter III, para. 9);

   (d) Amendment (A/51/L.46).

3 p.m. 84th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration: draft resolution (A/51/L.53) [161].

2. Assistance in mine clearance [34]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/540);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.44).

3. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan; the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [21 (c) and 39]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/704, A/51/698-S/1996/988);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.49).

4. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]:

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/315, A/51/353, A/51/528);

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/51/L.27/Rev.1, L.37/Rev.1, L.50/Rev.1);

      (iii) Draft decision (A/51/L.43).

   (d) Assistance to the Palestinian people:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/171-E/1996/76);

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/51/L.41).

5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity [42]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/386);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.19/Rev.1).

6. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [51].

7. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [52].

8. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [53].

9. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [54].

10. Question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte [57].

11. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/718) [17 (c)].

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/706) [12].

13. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [123]:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/724);

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/725);

14. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 867 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/726) [125 (a)].

15. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/710) [153].

16. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/711) [154].

17. Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force: report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/712) [155].

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8

Informal consultations conducted by H. E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on draft proposals submitted under item 21:

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the Untied Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions (A/51/L.26 and L.48).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]: first performance report for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/51/38 and A/51/7/Add.6)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]: report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/51/289 and A/51/720)

Conclusion of general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1997 (A/C.5/51/33)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997: first performance report for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/51/38 and A/51/7/Add.6)) and 112 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General on the outline of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/51/289 and A/51/720))

6.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human resources management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1, A/51/421 and Corr.1, A/C.5/49/13, A/C.5/49/60 and Add.1-2 and Add.2/Corr.1, A/C.5/50/2 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.8, A/C.6/51/7, A/51/656 and A/C.5/51/34))

9.30 p.m.- 12.30 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/50/11/Add.2 and Corr.1))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)
2. United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 13 December 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on the draft resolution on the report of the Security Council)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on methods of work and periodicity of consideration of items of the Second Committee)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters: item 114)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

2.30 p.m.- 3.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Dialogue

The High Commissioner for Human Rights (Centre for Human Rights), the Division for the Advancement of Women and UNICEF will sponsor a dialogue on children's rights and women's rights with Ms. Akila Belembaogo, Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, and Ms. Ivanka Corti, Chairperson of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, *today*, 13 December 1996, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Saturday, 14 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Sunday, 15 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

11 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Monday, 16 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 85th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/622) [142].

2. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/623) [143].

3. Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/624) [144].

4. United Nations Decade of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/625) [145].

5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-eighth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/626) [146].

6. Establishment of an international criminal court [147]:

   (a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/627);

   (b) Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/51/721).

7. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-ninth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/628) [148].

8. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/629) [149].

9. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/630) [150].

10. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/631) [151].

11. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/51/632) [152].

3 p.m. 86th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/51/602*) [94].

2. Sectoral policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/51/603) [95].

3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: reports of the Second Committee (Parts I and IX) (A/51/604 and Add.8*) [96]:

   (a) Implementation and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development: report of the Second Committee (Part II) (A/51/604/Add.1);

   (b) Agenda for development: report of the Second Committee (Part III) (A/51/604/Add.2);

   (c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy: report of the Second Committee (Part IV) (A/51/604/Add.3);

   (d) Population and development: report of the Second Committee (Part V) (A/51/604/Add.4);

   (e) Human settlements: report of the Second Committee (Part VI) (A/51/604/Add.5);

   (f) Eradication of poverty: report of the Second Committee (Part VII) (A/51/604/Add.6*);

   (g) Cultural development: report of the Second Committee (Part VIII) (A/51/604/Add.7);

4. Environment and sustainable development: reports of the Second Committee (Parts I and VIII) (A/51/605 and Add.7) [97]:

   (a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development:

      (i) Report of the Second Committee (Part II) (A/51/605/Add.1);

      (ii) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51/722);

   (b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21: report of the Second Committee (Part III) (A/51/605/Add.2);

   (c) Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (Part IV) (A/51/605/Add.3);

   (d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (Part V) (A/51/605/Add.4);

   (e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (Part VI) (A/51/605/Add.5);

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* To be issued.

(f) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (Part VII) (A/51/605/Add.6).

5. Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/51/606) [98].

6. Training and research: report of the Second Committee (A/51/607) [99].

7. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Second Committee (A/51/601) [12].

8. Operational activities for development [98]: commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Children's Fund: draft resolution (A/51/L.59).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 1997 on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited.

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5776) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its 1997 first regular session (20-24 January 1997) will take place on Friday, 10 January 1997, at 10 a.m in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters. All delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from 20 to 24 January 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters. The annotated provisional agenda and timetable are contained in document E/ICEF/1997/2.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Executive Board secretariat (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 13 January 1997. In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate with their credentials the specific items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Women's International Forum will hold a meeting on "Empowering Women and Children for the Next Millenium: UNICEF's Mission for the Next Fifty Years" on Thursday, 19 December 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The speaker will be Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m.

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The orientation course on the Security Council for members of the Council, organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held from 16 to 19 December 1996. The course will begin on Monday, 16 December, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Informal consultations

States Signatories to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-ban Treaty will hold informal consultations regarding the work of the Preparatory Commission on Tuesday, 17 December 1996, at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

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Informal briefings

There will be an informal briefing on matters pertaining to the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Forests, under the chairmanship of the Co-Chairman, Sir Martin Holdgate (United Kingdom) and Mr. Manuel Rodríguez (Colombia), on Monday, 16 December 1996, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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The Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations will hold a briefing on the Micro-credit Summit (Washington, D.C., 2-4 February 1997) to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 18 December 1996, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Mr. Sam Daley-Harris, Summit Director, will make a presentation on the preparation and documentation of the Summit. Copies of the latest draft Plan of Action to be adopted at the Summit will be available at the meeting. All delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

The latest revised synthesis text on an Agenda for Development (A/AC.250/CRP.2/Rev.1) can be found on the Internet at website: http://www.un.org/dpcsd/dpcea/agenda.htm.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning. When consultations take place in the afternoon, the briefing will be held immediately after the conclusion of the consultations.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 11 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 39th meeting

United Nations common system [121]

United Nations pension system [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of these items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, the United States, Colombia, Japan and Latvia.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund made a concluding statement and responded to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [137]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [139]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the related report of that Committee.

The representative of the Netherlands and the Controller spoke on a point of procedure.

Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East [123]:

(a) United Nations Disengagement Force

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Latvia introduced draft decisions A/C.5/51/L.14 and A/C.5/51/L.15.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon and the United States.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission [125]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.5/51/L.16.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

(a) The situation in Central America: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.18

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee orally introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland and Mexico.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/51/L.18, additional requirements of $331,300 would be required under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. Additional requirements of $60,600 would also be required under section 32, Staff assess-

ment offset by the same amount under Income section I, income from staff assessment. Such additional appropriation, as may be required would be considered by the General Assembly in the context of its consideration of the first performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 1997

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The Chairman proposed an oral draft decision.

Following statements by the representatives of the United States, Cuba and Mexico the Committee decided to hold informal consultations on the issue.

(c) International action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking: programme budget implications of the draft resolution recommended by the Third Committee in its report (A/51/611)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee orally introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Colombia, Cuba, the United States, Pakistan, Ireland and Japan.

The Director of the Budget Division responded to questions posed.

The Chairman made an oral proposal.

The representative of Mexico proposed an amendment to the oral proposal.

The Committee then decided to defer consideration of this question to a later meeting.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Colombia as well as by the Chairman.

40th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission [124]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

(d) Elaboration of an International Convention to Com Desertification: Programme budget implications of dr resolution recommended by the Second Committee in report (A/51/605/Add.1)

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-Gener

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decid without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should adopt the draft resolution recommended by the Seco Committee in its report A/51/605/Add.1, concerning t elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Deser fication, particularly in Africa, no additional appropriation wou be necessary.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this qu tion.

(c) International action to combat drug abuse and illi production and trafficking: programme budget implic tions of the draft resolution recommended by the Th Committee in its report (A/51/611)

The Director of the Budget Division made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement and proposed an oral d cision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, t United States, Colombia and Cuba.

The Director of the Budget Division responded to questio posed.

The representatives of Mexico and the United States th proposed amendments to the oral decision.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decide without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that, should adopt the draft resolution contained in the report of the Thi Committee (A/51/611), additional requirements of $522,0 would be required under Section 14 of the programme budget f the biennium 1996-1997. Of these, $212,600 could be met fro redeployment of existing regular budget resources and $87,3 from extrabudgetary resources. The balance of $222,100 wou be subject to the procedures governing the contingency fund. T Committee also decided to inform the General Assembly that t funding of expert group meetings from regular budget preparation for the special session of the General Assembly 1998 has no legislative basis and that every effort will be made obtain extrabudgetary contributions in order to finance activiti related to the preparation of the special session.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this qu tion.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Thursday, 12 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3723rd meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to Security Council resolution 1035 (1995) (S/1996/1017)

Letter dated 21 November 1996 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1996/968)

Letter dated 5 December 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/1996/1012)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Malaysia, Norway, Turkey and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution, contained in document S/1996/1032, which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ireland (speaking on behalf of the European Union and Associated countries Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, which aligned themselves with the statement, as well as Iceland, which also aligned itself with the statement), Canada, Norway, Turkey, Ukraine and Malaysia.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1996/1032).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States, Egypt, France, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Poland, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, Botswana, Chile, Honduras and Guinea-Bissau, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Italy.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1996/1032) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1088 (1996).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

81st plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe [38]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/489 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.52)

(c) Amendment (A/51/L.54)

The representative of Denmark made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.52.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement in the course of which he introduced the amendment contained in document A/51/L.54.

In accordance with General Assembly decision 50/423 of 18 December 1995, the observer of Switzerland as the State holding the Chairmanship of the Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Ukraine, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Belarus, Malta, the Russian Federation, Hungary and Albania.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/5 of 13 October 1993, the Secretary-General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe made a statement.

The representative of Armenia moved on a point of order, under rule 74 of the rules of procedure, that no action be taken with respect to the amendment (A/51/L.54).

The representatives of Azerbaijan and Bosnia and Herzegovina spoke against the motion.

By 2 votes to 38, with 106 abstentions (recorded vote), the motion for no action was not adopted.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union) and Finland.

In accordance with rule 90 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly proceeded to vote on the amendment (A/51/L.34).

By 43 votes to 1, with 103 abstentions (recorded vote), the amendment contained in document A/51/L.34 was adopted.

The Assembly then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/51/L.52 as amended.

By 158 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.52 as amended (resolution 51/57).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Russian Federation.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 38.

Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/521) [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/51/521.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 56 (the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina), originally scheduled for Friday, 13 December, in the afternoon, was postponed to the following week.

82nd plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 82nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/243).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Administration and Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Brazil, Poland, France, the Syrian Arab Republic, Austria, Indonesia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Canada, South Africa, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, the United Kingdom, China and Latvia.

The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management responded to questions posed.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [137]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [139]

The Committee continued its consideration of these items.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, India and the United States.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

The Committee concluded the general discussion of these agenda items.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [157]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The Controller made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and the United States.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The Controller made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France and the United States.

The Chairman responded to a question posed.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

42nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 42nd meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1996/243).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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